

**Directions:** Fill in the outline below. Filling in the blanks will help you as you read and study Chapter 10.

## I. Section 1: The National Legislature

### A. The Bicameral Congress

1. Congress is divided into two houses called the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. One reason the Framers set up a \_\_\_\_\_ Congress is because they wanted to keep Congress from becoming too \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Terms and Sessions of Congress

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a period of time each year when Congress meets to talk about laws. Each \_\_\_\_\_ of Congress has two sessions.

### C. Representation in Congress

1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ senators from each state.
2. The number of House members for each state is determined by \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. Section 2: The House of Representatives

### A. Terms and Size

1. The House of Representatives has \_\_\_\_\_ elected officials, each of whom serve a \_\_\_\_\_-year term.
2. States with more people send more \_\_\_\_\_ to Congress than states with fewer people.

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**B. Reapportionment**

Every 10 years after each \_\_\_\_\_, the Census Bureau decides on the number of House seats for each state.

**C. Congressional Districts**

Each member of the House of Representatives is elected from a \_\_\_\_\_ in his or her state.

**D. Gerrymandering**

Gerrymandering is the unfair drawing of \_\_\_\_\_ to favor one party over another.

**E. Qualifications**

1. Candidates for the House of Representatives must be \_\_\_\_\_ years of age.
2. Candidates for the House must have been citizens of the United States for at least \_\_\_\_\_ years, and they must live in the state from which they are elected.

**III. Section 3: The Senate**

**A. Size and Term**

1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ senators serving in the Senate today.
2. A senator's term in office is \_\_\_\_\_ years.

**B. Qualifications**

1. Senators must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old, citizens of the United States for at least \_\_\_\_\_ years, and residents of the state they represent.
2. Because all of its seats are never up for reelection at the same time, the Senate is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

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**IV. Section 4: The Members of Congress**

**A. Backgrounds**

1. Most members of Congress were born in the \_\_\_\_\_ they represent.
2. They usually have many years of political \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. The Job**

Members of Congress cast their votes in one of four ways: as

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Benefits**

Members of Congress receive many \_\_\_\_\_. Some include a tax deduction, travel allowances, medical care, and the \_\_\_\_\_, which allows them to mail materials for free.